

## CLAIMS

1. A method, comprising:

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initially establishing a plurality of default color settings applicable to a plurality of print-on-demand operations;

thereafter selectively imposing color consistency across a plurality of  
10 print-on-demand operations based on said plurality of default color settings applicable to said plurality of print-on-demand operations; and

rendering a print-on-demand media product, in response to selectively imposing color consistency across said plurality of print-on-demand operations.

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2. The method of claim 1 further comprising determining if an imposition operation is necessary in response to initially establishing said plurality of default color settings applicable to said plurality of print-on-demand operations.

20 3. The method of claim 1 wherein selectively imposing color consistency across a plurality of print-on-demand operations based on said plurality of default color settings applicable to said plurality of print-on-demand operations, further comprises:

25 selecting color-proofing elements from an electronic document to be rendered as a print-on-demand product.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein selectively imposing color consistency across a plurality of print-on-demand operations based on said plurality of  
30 default color settings applicable to said plurality of print-on-demand operations,

further comprises:

analyzing an electronic document to be rendered as a print-on-demand product for high-resolution images thereof; and

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if at least one high-resolution image is identified in association with said electronic document, transferring said at least one high-resolution image to a database for storage and retrieval thereof.

10 5. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

proofing an electronic document to be rendered as a print-on-demand product, wherein said electronic document is associated with at least one color image; and

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establishing submission path parameters during proofing of said electronic document; and

thereafter automatically printing said electronic document as a hardcopy document including said at least one color image, wherein said printing is based on said submission path parameters.

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6. The method of claim 5 further comprising automatically trimming and binding said hardcopy document.

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7. The method of claim 1 wherein rendering a print-on-demand media product, in response to selectively imposing color consistency across said plurality of print-on-demand operations, further comprises:

30 printing said print-on-demand media product, wherein said print-on-

demand media product comprises a book that includes a plurality of color images that match said plurality of default color settings.

8. The method of claim 7 further comprising saving said an electronic copy  
5 of said book in a network file system, wherein said electronic copy can be subsequently retrieved and said book automatically reprinted, including color images associated with said electronic copy.

9. The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
10 identifying color images associated with an electronic document to be rendered as a print-on-demand product; and

automatically rearranging said color images so that said color images can  
15 be rendered in association with said print-on-demand product.

10. A method, comprising:  
initially establishing a plurality of default color settings applicable to a  
20 plurality of print-on-demand operations;

thereafter selectively imposing color consistency across a plurality of  
print-on-demand operations based on said plurality of default color settings  
applicable to said plurality of print-on-demand operations; and  
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automatically proofing an electronic document to be rendered as a print-  
on-demand product, wherein said electronic document is associated with at  
least one color image; and

30 establishing submission path parameters during proofing of said

electronic document;

thereafter rendering a print-on-demand media product, in response to selectively imposing color consistency across said plurality of print-on-demand operations, by automatically printing said electronic document as a hardcopy document including said at least one color image, wherein said printing is based on said submission path parameters.

11. A system, comprising:

a color setting module for establishing a plurality of default color settings applicable to a plurality of print-on-demand operations;

a selection module for thereafter selectively imposing color consistency across a plurality of print-on-demand operations based on said plurality of default color settings applicable to said plurality of print-on-demand operations; and

a rendering module for rendering a print-on-demand media product, in response to selectively imposing color consistency across said plurality of print-on-demand operations.

12. The system of claim 11 further comprising determining if an imposition operation is necessary in response to initially establishing said plurality of default color settings applicable to said plurality of print-on-demand operations.

13. The system of claim 11 wherein said selection module for selectively imposing color consistency across a plurality of print-on-demand operations based on said plurality of default color settings applicable to said plurality of print-on-demand operations, further comprises:

a selection module for selecting color-proofing elements from an electronic document to be rendered as a print-on-demand product.

5 14. The system of claim 11 wherein said selection module for selectively imposing color consistency across a plurality of print-on-demand operations based on said plurality of default color settings applicable to said plurality of print-on-demand operations, further comprises:

10 a module for analyzing an electronic document to be rendered as a print-on-demand product for high-resolution images thereof; and

a module for transferring at least one high-resolution image to a database for storage and retrieval thereof, if said at least one high-resolution  
15 image is identified in association with said electronic document

15. The system of claim 11 further comprising:

an electronic document to be rendered as a print-on-demand product,  
20 wherein said electronic document is associated with at least one color image; and

a module for establishing submission path parameters during proofing of said electronic document; and

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a module for automatically printing said electronic document as a hardcopy document including said at least one color image, wherein said printing is based on said submission path parameters.

30 16. The system of claim 15 further comprising a module for automatically

trimming and binding said hardcopy document.

17. The system of claim 11 wherein said rendering module for rendering a print-on-demand media product, in response to selectively imposing color consistency across said plurality of print-on-demand operations, further comprises:

print module for printing said print-on-demand media product, wherein said print-on-demand media product comprises a book that includes a plurality of color images that match said plurality of default color settings.

18. The system of claim 17 further comprising a module for saving said an electronic copy of said book in a network file system, wherein said electronic copy can be subsequently retrieved and said book automatically reprinted, including color images associated with said electronic copy.

19. The system of claim 11 further comprising:

a module for identifying color images associated with an electronic document to be rendered as a print-on-demand product; and

a module for automatically rearranging said color images so that said color images can be rendered in association with said print-on-demand product.

20. The system of claim 11 wherein said color setting module, said selection module and said rendering module comprise a print-on-demand module comprising signal bearing media storable within a memory location of a computer.